

The verdict of the court of inquiry in the case of Admiral Schley, announced on Saturday, was received with surprise throughout the country, and the conclusion which it reached can only be accounted for on the ground, that two of the members of that body were small men, who either did not have the capacity to comprehend in their true light the facts presented before them or were so in sympathy with and the pliant tools of the naval clique, which has resorted to all kinds of misrepresentation and slander to blacken the name of Schley and rob him of the fame he so gloriously won at Santiago, that they could not render a verdict in accordance with the evidence. The verdict is condemned of course by the people generally all over our land, is not accepted as correct now or will be in later years, when a true history is given of the naval heroes of the country. Then as now, however, much his enemies may falsify the record and try to detract from his fame, the people will believe with Admiral Dewey who submitted the minority report, that "Admiral Schley was the senior officer off Santiago, in absolute command and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory, which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships." To whatever lengths, those jealous of his fame may go, it is not possible, that history can be so perverted that he will not occupy the place in it to which he is entitled. The mistakes which he made, if any, ought to be overlooked now and will be so overshadowed later by the great victory which he won, that future generations will not consider them unless it be to criticize and condemn the littleness of those who without cause would besmirch his name and claim for themselves a victory in which they took no part.

An article in a late issue of the Virginian-Pilot removes all doubt as to the candidacy of Mr. Shultice, a lawyer of Norfolk, for the chairmanship of the Board of Fisheries, but we cannot accept it as a foregone conclusion that he or some one else will be the successor of Dr. Frank Fletcher, as our contemporary, the Cape Charles Light, seems to have done in the following extract from an editorial in a late issue of that paper:

We think it would be a calamity to parcel out the jobs on the State Board of Fisheries to pay political debts. We have been told that the bargain was made sometime since and that the goods would be delivered. A sufficient answer to the above would be, we believe, the declarations of Gov.-elect Montague frequently made during his canvass, that he had made no promises to anyone nor would make any. That he has not made any since, so far as the Board of Fisheries are concerned, we are as firmly convinced. What he will do in the future, of course we cannot say, but we decline for the present at least, to believe, that he can remove a capable and experienced officer, living in a county with greater oyster interests than any in the State and whose people have always been loyal and supported him, with the view of paying a "political debt" made by him to Mr. Shultice or anyone else before or since the election.

The Constitutional Convention is not up to public expectation in many things and in none has fallen further below the mark than in the stand taken by that body in regard to the election of officers generally by the people. That they are disposed to ignore them is beyond our comprehension and their action, taken into connection with the pledges made to the people by the Norfolk Convention, is to our mind inexplicable. But while we do not understand this distrust of the capacity of the people for self government, we believe, it would go very far to defeat the new constitution if submitted to them for ratification or rejection. Nor would the members of the Convention have the right to expect that a constitution would be ratified by them which is not in accord with their wishes. The proposition seems too plain to be misunderstood, that the people claim the right to select their own officers from Senators down, as provided by the people in the Convention held in the city of Norfolk this year, and that the members of the Constitutional Convention have no right to disregard their wishes, whatever may be their views in the matter.

The Constitutional Convention has disposed of the report of the Judicial Committee and ordered it to be printed as amended. This is the first and only article of the new Constitution ever disposed of by the convention since it assembled on June 12 last. As adopted the Judicial Committee will be composed of five supreme judges and 18 circuit judges. All of the present city courts are retained. Cities of under 10,000 inhabitants are permitted to determine by election whether they shall continue their present local courts.

After numerous resolutions, the convention agreed to adjourn from December 20, until January 1. The resolution carries with it pay for members during the 10 days agreed upon. A proposition was offered not to take pay during the recess, but was lost.

Report of Schley Court of Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry was promulgated by Secretary Long tonight. There are two reports, Admiral Benham and Ramsey concurring in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey also as a matter of form. Admiral Dewey makes a separate report.

The majority opinion finds in brief that Admiral Schley should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch to Cienfuegos and maintained a close blockade; that he should have endeavored to have obtained information of the Spanish squadron there; that he should have proceeded to Santiago with dispatch; that he should not have made the retrograde movement; that he should have obeyed the department's orders; that he should have endeavored to have captured the Spanish vessels in Santiago; that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Colon; that he caused the squadron to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Texas to back; that he did injustice to Hodgson; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vacillation and dilatoriness and lack of enterprise; that his officers were in the end supplied with misleading and inaccurate information; that his conduct during the battle was self-possessed and he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men.

Admiral Dewey in his report says that the passage to Cienfuegos was made with all dispatch; that in view of his coal supply was effective; that he allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to get information; that his passage to Santiago was with as much dispatch as possible; that the blockade of Santiago was effective and finally that he was the senior officer off Santiago in absolute command and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

A Good Cough Medicine.

[From the Gazette, Toowomba, Asia.] I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. WICKNER. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wickner. This remedy is sold by Wm. P. Bell & Co., Accomac C. H., Va.

Stockholders' Meetings.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of Martin & Mason Building & Supply Company held at their office at Harborton, Va., January 10th, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and to transact such business as may come before them.

S. K. Martin, Secretary.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of Chesapeake Navigation and Manufacturing Company at their office, Harborton, Va., on Thursday, January 10th, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and to transact such business as may come before them.

S. K. Martin, Secretary.

A Card.

Mr. Editor: Feeling it my duty to the Phenix Insurance Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of my claim, I take this method, unsolicited by anyone, of expressing my sincere thanks to the said company and to Kelly & Nottingham, their agents at Onancock, Va., for the kind and courteous treatment accorded me in the manner in which they adjusted this claim. My house situated on my farm known as "Forest Grove" near Pungoteague, Va., took fire from a spark from the chimney, and but for the timely assistance of kind neighbors, would have been entirely destroyed.

I take great pleasure in recommending this company and its agents to those desiring insurance and square dealing.

Very respectfully,

Leonidas R. Doughty, Onancock, Va., Dec. 17th, 1901.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of the Parkside graded school for the month ending December 20th, 1901: Grammar Department, V. S. Deitrich, teacher—Lemuel Barnes, Joe Causey, Stephen Hopkins, Frank Justice, John Justice, Walter Mason, Frank White, Marion Boice, Sallie Causey, Mary Croan, Sallie Croan, Mary Dix, Bernice Ewell, Cora Ewell, Hilda Ewell, Mildred Johnson, Olive Lewis, Nola Mears, Cecile Parks, Nona Parks, Winnie Parks, Della Phillips, Nellie Sanford. Intermediate Department, Miss Carrie Johnson, teacher—Asa Dix, Roland Ewell, Warren Lewis, Clark Taylor, Paul Watts, Nellie Crookran, Elizabeth Ewell, Carrie Hope, Edna Johnson, Bessie Kent, Grace Mears, Mary Parks, Elora Wessels, Lila Wessels, Tealy Wessels, Minnie Wright. Primary Department, Miss Annie Ashmeade, teacher—Carey Dix, Richard Johnson, Kenneth Lewis, Norman Scott, Millard Sanford, Carson Phillips, Howard Watts, Katie Collins, Irene Kent, Lucy Scott, Mary Watts, Bertha Wessels.

We have the largest line of furniture on the Shore and our prices are very low. We carry parlor suits from \$25.00 to \$45.00, chamber suits from \$10.00 to \$40.00. We have a large line of parlor pieces in divans and upholstered chairs from \$3.00 to \$10.00, couches and lounges at all kinds of prices. We only ask your inspection, we will make the price right. Nothing like being face to face to buy goods cheap.

D. H. Johnson & Son.

Write to us for estimates on door, sash, blinds, stair-rails and all other kinds of building material, hardware, etc. Stock large, prices low. Mr. R. D. L. Fletcher will be at Accomac C. H., the first day of every County Court, to receive orders for the firm.

Cape Charles Ice & Lumber Co. We have just gotten in another car of terra cotta pipe, sizes 8 to 24 inches, also 90 thousands shingles, 4 and 6 inches wide, No. 1 and No. 2 hearts, which we are selling cheap.

T. S. Hopkins & Co.

Tasley, Va., November 25, 1901. Fresh elegant perfume, choice selection and large variety at Hall's drug store, Parkside. It must be so, as I have the best made by Palmer & Kisekeer.

Chas. F. W. Hall.

Wm. S. Richardson has moved his ice cream factory from Oldfield back to Marion Station, his old address. All tubs, letters and telegrams should be addressed to Marion Station, Md.

In Memoriam.

Raymond, a bright and interesting little four year old son of Mr. Eddie and Mrs. Ida Bull, Temperanceville, departed this life, Saturday, the 14th, with membranous croup. We did all we could to keep him with us, but God thought it best to take him home. Oh, my darling, it is sad to say good bye, but in heaven we'll meet you and there never say good bye. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

This lovely bud so young and fair, Was called from hence to know its doom, Just came to show how sweet a flower, In paradise could bloom.

His Aunt Esther.

Business Notices.

FOR SALE—Oak oyster barrels. Lilliston & Nock, Tasley, Va.

FOR RENT—For year 1902, the main place of the "Mary" at Onancock, Va. A. J. Lilliston.

NOTICE—I will furnish lumber to tongs who have boats without cabins to enable them to build shanties for their protection while at work.

Wm. Ellinger.

HORSE AT AUCTION—I will sell on account of whom it may concern, on Monday, Christmas court, an elegant Kentucky bred family mare, all day driver, ten mile gait, and speedy. Owner has no use for her.

T. G. Kellam.

NOTICE—By mutual consent the firm of F. S. Fitzgerald & Co. has this day dissolved partnership, W. S. Nock retiring from the business. The business in future will be conducted by F. S. Fitzgerald. All bills against said firm will be paid by the above named and all persons indebted to said firm will please come and settle their bills by cash or note before February 1st, 1902.

F. S. Fitzgerald, W. S. Nock.

FOR SALE—From 800 to 1000 pounds of pork at 7 cents per pound.

T. J. Savage, Onancock, Va.

FOR RENT—For the year 1902 the farm known as the "Russell farm," situated near Tasley station, for money or for share of crop.

Tank G. Kellam, Agent.

NOTICE—I have for sale 100 barrels Dewey potatoes which I consider the best potato grown, both for quick growth and good yield, having dug 8 barrels from 31 by 64 feet of soil planted. For reference apply to W. F. Waters or L. R. Drummond.

J. C. Boggs, Nandua, Va.

NOTICE—Cow and heifer, black, under bit left ear, have been around my place for two months. Owner will please come and pay charges and take them away.

E. O. Mason, Accomac, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning or otherwise trespassing on my marsh or upland, near Modestown, under penalty of a prosecution to full extent of law \$5 reward will be paid for information sufficient to convict trespasser.

Mrs. Kate Johnson.

M. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says, "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken." For sale by Wm. P. Bell & Co., Accomac C. H., Va.

HORSES AND MULES—I have for sale four blocky farm horses, mules and a trotting pony. Will keep good stock on hand at all times from which a selection can be made. Call on me before buying if you want bargains.

Geo. D. Wilkins, Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—Mr. H. E. McCleary will be at my stables at Accomac C. H. in January with a drove of twenty five horses and mules. Anyone in need of them will do well to see them before buying as they will be as represented. The date of their arrival will be given later.

T. H. Melson.

FOR SALE—The Solomon Lucas tract of land in Cattail Neck, in such size lots as purchaser may desire. For terms &c., apply to

Jno. S. Parsons, attorney, Accomac, Va.

NOTICE—I offer for sale privately my Hotel in Eastville, known as the Taylor House. I will sell at low figures on account of my health and not being able to give the business any personal attention. Any one desiring to purchase I will be pleased to show them through the premises and give them an insight as to the business, &c. Apply to

J. A. Jarvis, Taylor House, Eastville, Va.

FOR SALE—1 set of 34 feet stone runners for grinding corn in good condition. 1 iron frame swing off saw 60 in. new, 1 rhingle mill that is in fair condition, and is generally known to do good work. We also have a fine yoke of oxen for sale, they are well broken and good pullers and will weigh 3,000 lbs. Our reason for selling, overstocked with team. Anyone needing any of the above will do well to call and examine what we have before buying elsewhere.

J. S. Gordy & Bros., Mappsville, Va.

NOTICE—A light colored cow, under bit both ears, came to my premises about a month ago. Owner will please call for her, prove property, pay charges and take her away.

Lorenzo Mason, near Mappsville.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by Wm. P. Bell & Co., Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning or trespassing in any way on that part of the premises known as the "Russell farm," occupied or rented out by me under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of law.

Wm. H. Coxton.

NOTICE—I offer for sale at private contract, farming implements, horse

gentle in all harness, weight 1300-1400 pounds, corn, fodder, &c.—all my personal property except household furniture. Wish to sell out on account of bad health.

Everett C. Jacobs, Assawamun.

FOR RENT—Dwelling house with 6 rooms in Onancock. J. C. Justis.

FOR SALE—A horse, weight 1,000 pounds, 9 years old, sound and gentle to all harness.

W. R. Rew, Accomac C. H., Va.

FOR SALE—Three milk cows, 1 better to milk in spring, good grocery wagon, 1 bull, good stock.

A. J. Winder, Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning, cutting, holly or otherwise trespassing on either of my farms near Onley and Tasley, occupied by C. M. Roberts and J. W. East, respectively, under penalty of a prosecution to full extent of law. I have also seasoned wood for sale.

Miss Lizzie E. Parramore.

FOR SALE—Two horses—Little Joe, mark 2:31 and will go in 2:10 properly trained; Judge Kendall, mark 2:23, and will go in 2:16 properly trained, also, racing outfit, blankets, boots, harness, saddle, best quality, weight 30 lbs. at reasonable price. Wish to sell because I want to retire from the business.

C. A. Rogers, Craddockville.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have received a shipment of Artistic Watches, which includes some set with diamonds and others beautifully hand engraved with suggestions from nature and many other styles, both new and beautiful. Our Jewelry and Silverware is of the most up-to-date kind and our prices will not, nor cannot be beaten.

Eye Glasses and Spectacles

are very necessary, and yet many are very hesitate to wear glasses for looks' sake. They draw wrinkles into their foreheads years before they should come. They lose the happy expression on the face that perfect vision gives. Let me help you if glasses are required. I guarantee to provide you with the most perfect help obtainable at the most reasonable cost. I am a Graduate Optician and know my business.

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JNO. W. DUNCAN, Jeweler and Optician, Onancock, Va.

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Thanking our friends for their liberal patronage in the past and soliciting a continuance of same, we are,

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Dinner and Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Silverware, Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Hair Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, Kid gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Lamps, Toys, all kinds, Express Wagons, Shooflys, Vases, Music Boxes, Books, Games, Fine Cutlery, Dolls, from 5 cents to \$2.00, life size. Pictures, very fine and great variety picture frames. Ladies fine Shoes, Fascinators, Hoods, Children Sacks, Men's Furnishing Goods, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Call and see our stock, and you will say, the half of what we have, has not and could not be told in double the space occupied by us in this paper.

You must see our stock, to understand how full and varied it is and the pains we have taken to suit and please you.

B. T. MELSON,

Accomac C. H., Va.

How About an Overcoat.

We just received this week a large invoice of them, in all the newest cuts, Raglan, Chesterfield, Rochester, some have yokes, some don't. Prices \$7.00 to \$18.00. In the same invoice, we received a new assortment of men's and boy's suits ranging in price from \$7.00 to \$15.00. Fortunate for you, who haven't bought, you will have as strong a line to pick from as you would have had early in the season, however you better not procrastinate much longer for these will soon be picked over. You just as well buy now, and get your pick and get a full season's wear out of it. Whether it be a SUIT or an OVERCOAT, come in, and if we please you tell others, if not, tell us. Remember—after you have purchased, and are not satisfied, goods can be exchanged, or money refunded, as you prefer. All orders filled with care and on same day as received. Soliciting your valuable patronage and thanking our many customers of the Grand Old Commonwealth of Virginia for past favors, wishing you one and all a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year, I am yours for deeds not words

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